

and Magadh Express, running between New Delhi and Patna and vice-versa;

(b) whether food stuff stored in the Pantry car of those trains is prepared in a base kitchen at certain stations;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the quality of the food is not upto the mark;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the quality of the food stuff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) At present, only Magadh Express has got Pantry cars. Meals prepared in the base kitchens are supplied to Pantry cars of this train. In case of Shramjivi Express catering requirement of passengers is met through various catering/vending units at stations enroute.

(c) Necessary infrastructure has been provided in the base kitchens for preparation of large quantity of meals in hygienic conditions.

(d) No, Sir. Quality is considered satisfactory.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Railways always strive to improve the quality of food and service. This is an on-going and continuous process. Steps taken/proposed to be taken include, introduction of canteen service, modernisation of base kitchens, training to catering staff, introduction of Pantry car service, regular/surprise inspections, etc.

Number of Power Plants in Bihar

1875. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state the total number of

thermal, hydel and atomic power plants in Bihar at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): The details of power plants under operation in Bihar at present are as under:

Station	Capacity (MW)
<i>Thermal</i>	
Patratu	770
Barauni	310
Muzaffarpur	220
<i>Hydro</i>	
Kosi	20
Subernarekha	130
<i>Atomic</i>	NIL

Coal supply to Power Plants in Bihar

1876. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the monthly requirement of coal for power plants in Bihar;

(b) whether sufficient quantity of coal is being supplied to these plants; and

(c) if not, the steps taken to ensure sufficient supply of coal to these power plants?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) Central Electricity Authority has indicated the average monthly requirement of coal of the three major Thermal Power Stations in Bihar as under:—

(Figs. in '000 tonnes)

Barauni TPS	65
Muzaffarpur TPS	53
Patratu TPS	173

(b) and (c) Central Electricity Authority has reported that Barauni and Muzaffarpur Thermal Power